

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Group Art Unit: 3309

Appln. No. 08/389,399

Examiner: G. Tucker

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORMING CENTERED BORE FOR  
THE FEMORAL HIP STEM OF  
A HIP PROSTHESIS

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 5, 1996,  
please amend the subject application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An instrument for forming a centered bone in a femur in preparation for implantation of a femoral prosthesis, wherein the femur includes an intramedullary canal defined by an interior wall of cortical bone, the instrument comprising:

a handle joined to the end of an elongated rod sized to be received within said canal; and